

WHEN A MARRIAGE HAS ENDED

Helping Friends Through Tough Times – Part 1

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*"Two are better than one... If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)*

"Friends love through all kinds of weather." Proverbs 17:17 (MSG)

HOW TO HELP YOUR FRIEND

1. _____
"A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty." Job 6:14 (NIV)

"When Job's three friend...heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him." Job 2:11 (NIV)

2. _____
"Then they saw him from a distance...they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was." Job 2:12-13 (NIV)

3. _____
"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

"Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

"I cry out to the Lord; I plead for his mercy. I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. For I am overwhelmed, and you alone know the way I should turn..." Psalm 142:1-6 (NLT)

4. _____

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger." Job 18:4 (TEV)

"My guilt overwhelms me -- it is a burden too heavy to bear... But I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done." Psalm 38:4, 18 (NLT)

"Get rid of all bitterness...forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

5. _____
David: "I fasted and wept while the child was alive... But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back to life?" (See 2 Samuel 12:16-23)

6. _____
"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I'd see the goodness of the LORD..." Psalm 27:13 (NAS)

*"Faith comes from hearing the message...heard through the Word of Christ."
Romans 10:17 (NIV)*

"I am completely discouraged... Revive me by your Word." Psalm 119:25 (LB)

7. _____
"God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished..." Philippians 1:6 (LB)

*"Put your heart right, reach out to God...then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory..."
Job 11:13-16 (TEV)*